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In re Patent Application of

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Atty. Ref.: 233-97; Confirmation No. 3120

Appl. No. 09/892,866

Group: 3729

Filed: June 28, 2001

Examiner: T. Phan

For: MANUFACTURING TECHNIQUE FOR OPTICAL FIBER ARRAY

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August 21, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action dated 08/14/2003 finding that the applicant has claimed two patentably distinct inventions (i.e., neither one of which being made "obvious" in view of the other under 35 U.S.C. §103), applicant hereby elects patentably distinct invention I comprising claims 1-14 and 20-24 for further substantive examination.

In response to the Examiner's further holding that invention I comprises two patentably distinct combinations (i.e., neither of which is made "obvious" in view of the

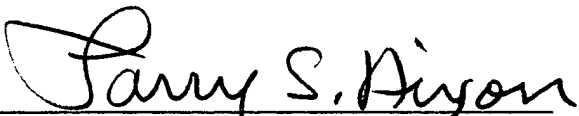
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other under 35 U.S.C. §103), applicant hereby makes a further election of patentably distinct invention IA comprising claims 1-14.

The Examiner is thanked for finding applicant's inventions to be patentably distinct from one another under 35 U.S.C. §103 and solicits prompt allowance of the elected patentably distinct claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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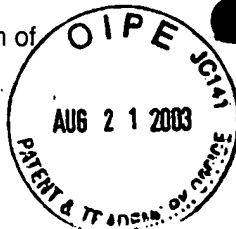
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This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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